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Sustainable Forest and Land Use Expert Janaki Alavalapati To Visit Guyana on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., August 9, 2013 – Janaki Alavalapati, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling August 11-19, 2013 to Guyana to participate in visits, meetings and events regarding sustainable development. [Dr. Alavalapati](#) is the head of the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The [Senior ECPA Fellows](#) program is a network of high-level technical experts in the fields of climate change and energy who travel between countries in the Western Hemisphere to consult with governments or other institutions. The program is sponsored by the [U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs](#) and is administered by [Partners of the Americas](#). There are currently [20 Senior ECPA Fellows](#) who participate in these international exchanges. The main areas of focus for the program are: energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy infrastructure, energy poverty and access, sustainable forestry and land use, and climate change adaptation.

During his exchange to Guyana, Senior ECPA Fellow Janaki Alavalapati will meet with the [Guyana Forestry Commission](#) and with various staff from [Conservation International](#), the [Iwokrama International Centre](#), the [Office of Climate Change](#), the [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#), and the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment. Dr. Alavalapati will present at the University of Guyana's conference on sustainable development and meet with the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) and the [Ameridian Peoples Association](#). He will also make a site visit to the [Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development \(IIC\)](#) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

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